THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

News-item regarding TU's bargaining right affected by Globalisation ILO

570. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will trie Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "TU's bargaining right affected by globalisation: ILO" which appeared in 'Economic Times' (New Delhi) dated 8th June, 2000; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The International Labour Conference in June, 2000 considered the first Global Report based on the follow up of the ILO Declaration on fundamental principles and rights at work. The report entitled 'Your voice at Work' was on the Principle governing freedom of association and collective bargaining. The right to freedom of association and collective bargaining envisaged under ILO Convention Nos. 87 and 98 are by and large available to workers in India. However, the relevant Conventions could not be ratified by India so far because of reasonable restrictions imposed on government servants.

Less Interest on ESIC Funds

571. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ESIC would be getting less interest on their funds due to new Government policies;

(b) what was the background behind the reduction in interest